FROM THE FIELD.

Ministerial Convention of the Brethren Church to be held at Masontown, Pa., Sept. 13, 14, and 15, 1889.

FRIDAY 2 P. M.

Opening Services, ... S. Hildebrand
Organization.
Appointment of Committees.
Enrollment of Delegates.
Report of Treasurer.
Assignment of Queries.
Miscellaneous Business.

FRIDAY 7.30 P. M.

Opening Services, ... J. B. Wampler
How to Reach the Masses and Retain Them, A. D. Gnagey. J. D. McFaden R. Z. Replogle
Answers to Queries.
Prayer Meetings, J. B. Rittgers A. J. Sterling J. W. Reigard
Assignment of Queries.

SATURDAY 8:30 A. M.

Devotional Services, ... W. A. Selbert
Report of Board of Missions and Church Extension.
Home Missions. J. L. Kimmel J. W. Smouse W. G. Gans
What the Penna. S. S. C. E. Ought to do, Mrs. A. J. Sterling Miss Mollie Gans Mrs. W. A. Selbert Mrs. J. W. Smouse
Ministerial Degrees, S. Hildebrand W. L. Spanogle J. D. Gans
Answers to Queries.
Assignment of Queries.

SATURDAY 1:30 P. M.

Devotional Services, J. D. Gans
Report of Board of Supply.
Woman's Divine Mission, M. M. Sterling S. W. Wilt W. A. Adams.
Local Church Organization, J. B. Wampler J. A. Miller J. M. Murray
Answers to Queries.
Feasibility of Itinerancy, W. A. Harman E. H. Smith Dan'l Crofford
Assignment of Queries.

SATURDAY 7:30 P. M.

Religious Services.
Sermon, 'Preach the Word, A. D. Gnagey
Collection.
Church Literature, Tracts, etc , etc., J. D. McFaden W. L. Spanogle D. F. Ramsey
Miscellaneous Business.
Answers to Queries.
Closing Services.

SUNDAY 10:30 A. M.

Preparatory Services. J. D. McFaden W. L. Spanogle S. Hildebrand J. B. Wampler

SUNDAY P. M.

Lovefeast.

A full attendance of elders and delegates is earnestly urged to this convention. Come brethren, help us in the work of the Lord. The sessions of the Sabbath School Convention will open at same place on Wednesday, Sep. 11th, at 7:30 P. M., and continue its sessions till Friday noon.

JOHN H. KNEPPER,
Chairman Ex. Com.

Berlin, Pa.

The Pennsylvania S. S. Convention.

The Sunday School Convention will meet at Masontown, Fayette county, Sept. 11th, Wednesday evening, and continue in session until Friday noon. Sunday Schools are earnestly requested to send delegates, and all Supt's will please fill blank report which will be sent them soon, Following is a list of subjects selected for discussion. The programme being a little late, the subjects are here printed so as to give persons to whom they are assigned time for preparation.

The Acquirements of S. S. Workers. J. H. Knepper D. F. Ramsey
The Use and Abuse of the Lesson Help. J. D. McFaden W. A. Adams
The International S. S. Lessons, A. J. Sterling Dan'l Crofford
The S. S.—What it is not—What it is. J. B. Rittgers R. Z. Replogle
Variety in S. S. Work, William Gans J. W. Smouse
The Primary S. S. Teacher and Her Class, Mollie Gans Tillie Moser
How to secure the Attendance of S. S. Children at Church. S. Hildebrand W. A. Harman
What Can Parents do Toward the Success of the Sunday School. W. L. Spanogle Frank Forney
How Teachers Fail to get and Hold the Attention of Pupils. Mary Sterling Barbara Snowberger
The Teacher's Preparation for His Pupils. J. L. Kimmel E. H. Smith
The Pupil's Preparation for his Teacher. J. D. Gans J. B. Olinger

Campbell, Mich.

The Brethren at Michigan have decided to hold their Conference the 20th of September. Another notice and program will be given in due time.

Eld. C. A. Price was with us Sunday and did valuable service.

It is a query to me why not all of our members read the EVANGELIST. It brings the glad news from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Our Sunday School has been reorganized recently for the third quarter with an efficient corps of officers. The interest is good. We have concluded to try quarterlies.

'Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God * * * Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God.' There are many Nicodemus' in this age of the world that either cannot or do not want to comprehend our Saviour's emphatic language. John 3.

Every woman praying or prohpesying with her head uncovered dishonoreth her head (husband). Every man praying or prophesying having his head covered dishonoreth his head (Christ). The apostle conveys the idea that the woman was not really beautiful without a head covered with long hair, for he says 1 Cor. 11:15, 'But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her 'for her hair is given her for a covering.' Sometimes we see professed Christian women have their hair 'shingled' or cut very short; this is 'a shame' to any woman; nature itself teacheth us that a woman should not disgrace her head by shaving or shingling. But some will say 'all women have not heads (husband) to dishonor; what then? 'Some have parents and all have Christ and if we go contrary to Scripture we all will dishonor Christ, which is the head of all.

If people were as greedy for the 'true riches' of grace as some are for the mammon and filthy lucre of this world what a store would they gather in a lifetime? 'Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.'

'Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.' Gal. 5:1. Stand fast; this means if we were once washed in regeneration we should not fall back or even hanker after the flesh pots of sinful Egypt. Great are the promises all through the Bible to all that will lead godly lives and persevere in them. 'Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.' Time is short; work while it is called today, the night will come when no man can work. He that overcometh shall inherit all things.

'Work for the night is coming,
Work through the morning hours,
Work while the dew is sparkling,
Work 'mid springing flowers;
Work when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun,
Work for the night is coming,
When man's work is done.'

J. G. WINEY.

Downs, Kansas.

The Brethren of the North Solomon Valley church, expect to hold their feast on Saturday, Sept. 7th. All those of like faith wishing to be with us, are cordially invited. The feast is to be held at Bro. Wm. Robinson's, and those coming by rail should notify him to meet them at Downs, that station being three miles south of place of the feast. We expect Eld. C. Forney, of Beaver City, Neb., to be with us upon the occasion and are looking forward with bright hopes of a good feast. Brethren pray for us that we may live faithful, that God's blessing might continue to follow us and we may ever be able to follow His ways to purity.

G. J. WALTERS.
By order of the church.

Notice.

The new Brethren church at Prattsville, Mich., will be dedicated on Sunday, August 25th, at 10 a. m. All are cordially invited to attend. Bro. S. H. Bashor of Mexico, Ind., will preach the dedicatory sermon. He will also favor us with a few special sermons after the dedication.

A. M. RIDENOUR, Pastor.

Pleasant Hill News.

August 8th, started for Troy, Ohio to fill an appointment at that place. This is a new field for us, but some of our Pleasant Hill people had held a prayer meeting there some time ago, and there seemed to be such a deep interest manifested, and several signified a willingness to unite with us, if an opportunity was given, so I agreed to go there Thursday evening, Aug. 8th, and assist in a prayer meeting. A goodly number met with us, and a glorious prayer meeting it was.

Four came out and were received by baptism on Friday, and two were received by relation, six in all at our first effort in the city of Troy. I am making arrangements to have regular preaching there in the future.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, the Pleasant Hill Sunday School had their picnic, and a most enjoyable time they had.

On Saturday evening and Sunday we had our regular appointment at Pleasant Hill, and here we also went to the river again and baptized four more, making ten more additions at our last appointments, with one applicant yet unbaptized that could not be present. At our next appointment at Pleasant Hill, Aug. 24th, we expect to have a communion meeting. We will meet at 2:30 p. m., for preparatory services. Our brethren from adjourning congregations are cordially invited to be present.

Everything seems to be moving along nicely in our charge and we give God all the honor.

ISAAC KILHEFNER.

Aug. 12th.

The College.

The College opened in good stlye last week with a good attendance, considering the disadvantages attending its present existence. The classes were organized and the students are now down to hard study.

One of the features specially interesting is the organization of a class in Greek. Several young ministers are in this class, and other young men whom we hope the Lord will eventually bring into our clerical rank. We are pleased to see this step, as no language is so valuable to the New Testament student as the Greek. It is the polished language of all time. There never was another language so perfect and beautiful in its character as the Greek in which the New Testament is written.

The lady who is to teach music is on hand, and we have heard from various sources that she is an excellent player. If any of our brethren have children they desire to place under musical training, send them here Besides the music one or two other studies can be taken and in that way the time can be well improved. Send your daughters and sons and give them training in that beautiful art.

Bro. J. Allen Miller is here and dividing his time between teaching and study. After this year he will be well up in the scale of education, and as he is a minister of recognized ability, when he has completed his education he will be a minister of much usefulness in the Lord's work.

Now as the school has opened in first rate style, send your children, brethren and sisters, and let them take advantage of the present opportunities. It is always best to use a good thing when you can. You can send your children at any time.

OUR CHURCH.

Bro. J. H. Palmer reports three more accessions to the church.

The Sister's Endeavor, of Ashland will meet at the home of Mrs. H. K. Myers', Saturday afternoon, Aug. 17th.

The program of the Pennsylvania Convention is given this week, and now the workers in the old Keystone State can prepare for a very successful convention.

Bro. Z. T. Livengood asks why Illinois can't take part in the Iowa Convention. Brethren of Iowa, have you become selfish or what say ye about it? Illinois, Iowa and Dakota are able to make a fair convention.

At our regular meeting at Bethlehem today one was baptized. We hope to keep the ball rolling. There are more to follow. The battle cry is 'on to victory' through obedience to God's Word.—Z. T. Livengood.

Communion.—The brethren and sisters composing the La Paz Church will hold their communion one and a half miles north of La Paz, Aug. 20th. Services will begin at 6 P. M. A cordial invitation is extended to all.—J. H. Palmer, Pastor.

Every brother and sister all over the Brotherhood should hear Eld. S. P. Stevens deliver his lecture of 'Nine Years in the Catholic Convent' and how he became converted to the Protestant religion and is now a minister in the Brethren Church.

Health here is good for the hot season. Crops are good as a general thing except corn. We will hold our harvest thanksgiving on Thursday, August 15th. Last night we had a good prayer meeting at Bro. Joseph Henney's.—J. G. Winey, Aug. 9th.

Our love feast will be held, at Adrian, Pa., on the 7th of Sept. Services on the 5th and 6th. We invite brethren of other congregations to be with us. The feast will be held in the Brush Valley house. A special invitation is extended to ministeral brethren to be present and assist us.

With regret we learn that Bro. M. Eby, of the firm of Eby & Roney, of Dayton, Ohio, is very low with the typhoid fever. Also Sister Orpha Miller, of the same place, is very low with a complication of diseases. Pray God that they may recover, if it is not contrary to his divine purpose.

Bro. A. D. Gnagey sent us the program of the Pennsylvania S. S. Convention, from Dayton, Ohio. We are inquisitive to know more about his visit to Dayton, but thus far we are left without the information. We expect he will give us an account of his trip on his return to Meyersdale, Pa.

Three Congregational and three Methodist ministers were among the most efficient delegates of the South Dakota Constitutional Convention at Sioux Falls.

Where is the Church of Christ?

I have no difficulty in finding Episcopalianism, Wesleyanism, Presbyterianism, Trinitarianism, Primitive Methodism, Congregationalism, and a host of other isms; but where is 'the Church of Christ?' On comparing the systems of the sects and isms with the principles and organization of the church of Christ as contained in the New Testament I find that they vastly differ therefrom, and are wholly unlike Christ's church. The faultless plan prepared by the Divine architect respecting the formation and government of His Church is mostly ignored by the isms, and they have substituted therefore their own human, worthless, patchwork schemes—each sect following its own ideas. Yet they all boldly claim to be 'sections of the Church of Christ as though His Church was divided. They would make it appear that his body, the Church, is a monstrosity. Instead of its being governed by the Divine Head—Christ—it is governed by a multitude of human heads; and the body and limbs instead of being in accord and sympathy with each other, are divided and fighting each other.

The Saviour prayed that believers 'all may be one . . . that the world may believe.' They are not one, and as a natural sequence, the world *does not* believe. Atheists and others avail themselves of this weapon—a divided Christendom—and use it as an excuse for rejecting the gospel. Unbelievers, as a rule, do not read the New Testament for themselves so as to discover what are its teachings respecting Christianity, but they listen to the conflicting and conglomerated teachings of denominationalism, and ask 'Which of the sects is righ?' 'I am unable to discover, so I shall reject the lot.' 'If that is Christ's Church I do not want to have anything to do with it.'

When is this terrible apostasy to cease? When are the 'reverends' and teachers of these human systems going to have the honesty and courage to go back to Pentecost and start anew, and faithfully follow *the Divine precepts and examples*? When are the human creeds, confessions and traditions to be swept away? It may be astounding, but it is nevertheless true, that in whatever the sectarian teachers and preachers run counter to the clear precepts of the risen Lord and his inspired Apostles, they are in so far following Satan instead of the Saviour; they are with the tongue calling on men to render obedience to the Christ whilst they themselves largely render obedience to the devil, who has divided them, weakened the progress of the gospel, and practically destroyed the beautiful simplicity and perfection of the Church of Christ.—H. Clench, in Christian Commonwealth.

The handsome building of the New York Young Men's Christian Association, on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, was badly injured by fire on July 28. The valuable organ was rendered worthless, and much of the furniture was destroyed. Sixteen fire Engines and the water-tower were put in requisition to save the building from complete destruction. The damage is estimated at $50,000. The building cost $500,000.